



Sarda Suvarna Medical Van Initiative: Serving the Community

1. Title:

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2. Objectives:

- To provide essential primary healthcare services to needy tribal & rural communities.
- To educate villagers about basic health practices and preventive healthcare.
- To engage students and faculty in direct community service, enhancing their practical skills and social awareness.

3. Context:

The Sarda Suvarna Medical Van, generously provided by the Sarda Foundation, is a key initiative aimed at delivering primary healthcare services to the surrounding villages of Chikhli. This project, managed by Shri M R Desai Arts & E E Laher Kosadiya Commerce College, enables students and faculty to engage in meaningful community service, improving health outcomes for rural populations and fostering a sense of social responsibility among volunteers.

4. Practice:

Services Provided:

1. Health Check-Ups:

- Regular screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, and BMI.
- General medical consultations for common ailments.

2. Preventive Healthcare:

- Vaccination drives to prevent common diseases.
- Distribution of health and hygiene kits, including masks, sanitizers, and basic medications.

3. Health Education:

- Workshops and seminars on nutrition, hygiene, and preventive health practices.
- Awareness campaigns on maternal and child health, communicable diseases, and healthy living.

4. Referral Services:

- Referring patients in need of specialized care to nearby hospitals.
- Coordinating with local healthcare providers for ongoing treatment and follow-ups.

Role of Students and Faculty:

• Students:

- Assist in conducting health check-ups and consultations.
- Participate in health education and awareness activities.
- Help organize and distribute health and hygiene kits.
- Participate in logistical planning and coordination for mobile van visits.
- Engage in follow-up visits and data collection to assess the impact of health interventions.

• Faculty:

- Provide medical expertise and oversee health check-ups.
- Lead educational workshops and seminars.
- Mentor and supervise students in their volunteer efforts.
- Coordinate with the Sarda Foundation and other healthcare providers.

5. Evidence of Success:

- **Improved Health Outcomes:** Regular check-ups and early disease detection improve health outcomes in rural areas.
- **Increased Health Awareness:** Educational initiatives promote better understanding of health and hygiene practices.
- **Community Engagement:** Active involvement of students and faculty strengthens the bond between the college and the community.
- **Accessible Healthcare:** The mobile van ensures that even remote villages have access to vital healthcare services.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Problems Encountered:

- Limited resources for extensive medical care and specialized treatments.
- Logistical challenges in reaching remote villages.
- Ensuring consistent participation from students and faculty.

Resources Required:

- Medical supplies and equipment for health check-ups and treatments.
- Training programs for students and faculty involved in the initiative.

7. Notes:

The Sarada Suvarna Medical Van, generously provided by the Sarada Foundation, exemplifies College's dedication to community service and healthcare accessibility. By offering primary healthcare services to neighbouring villages, this initiative addresses immediate health needs while also fostering long-term wellness. The active involvement of students and faculty highlights the institution's commitment to instilling social responsibility and practical skills through direct community involvement.









